



THERE THERE

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Prairie Park, 2730 Harper St

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LIKE THE 8,000-YEAR-OLD PRAIRIE

It sits within, *ThereThere* is an evolving gateway to nurture human connections with nature. A reusable structure holds native clay perennial seed pods. Over time, the seeds disperse with wind, rain and animal (including human) interactions to land in a bed of black biochar from burned invasive plants harvested at the site and inoculated with local mycorrhizae (fungi) that improve soil health. This symbiotic relationship reflects the beauty of humans helping plants, plants helping prairie, and prairie helping humans.

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